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CERTIFICATIN FOR GM FOODS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to introduce Certification for GM Foods soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the effect of GM certification on the import of oil products ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a), (b) & (c) : Biosafety assessment of Genetically Modified foods is mandatory under the Environment(Protection) Act, 1986, and rules made thereunder. However, no Genetically Modified(GM) food has yet been released in the country. Work has been initiated on framing the guidelines for labeling of GM foods.